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SUBJECT: ASSERTION OF LARGE ENTITY STATUS AND ITEMIZATION AND PAYMENT OF
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Attached please find an Assertion of Large Entity Status and Itemization and
Payment of Deficiency for Docket No. 00015-T8273, Application No. 09/931,397.

Thank you. We await your confirmation of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,



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**ASSERTION OF LARGE ENTITY STATUS AND
ITEMIZATION AND PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY**

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Sir/Madam:

The applicant asserts that as of at least the date that the first maintenance fee was paid, the above-listed patent is no longer entitled to small entity status and that this communication should act as notification of such as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2). It is further asserted that the paying of small entity fees subsequent to the above listed date was an error which was made in good faith and is believed to correct all deficiencies owed with respect to this patent. Accordingly, please charge the fee of \$465.00 to Deposit Account 20-0100.

The deficiency owed was calculated based on the guidelines set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)(2)(i) and an itemization of the deficiency as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c)(2)(ii) is set forth below.

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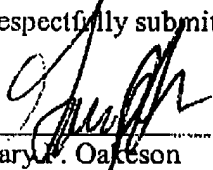
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Itemization of Deficiency Payment

Type of Fee Paid	Date of Payment of Small Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee Paid	Current Fee Amount for Non- Small Entity	Deficiency Owed
4 th Maintenance Fee	September 12, 2007	\$465.00	\$930.00	\$465.00
Total Deficiency Owed:				\$465.00

Dated July 28, 2008.

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